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FACT SHEET EXCEPTIONS TO MANDATORY DESIGN STANDARDS

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1. PROPOSED PROJECT AND NONSTANDARD FEATURES

A. Project Description:

This project proposes to improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety on State Route 28 (SR-28) within Kings Beach in Placer County. The project limits along SR-28 are from the intersection of SR-28 and SR-267 moving east to the intersection of SR-28 and Chipmunk Street (see Attachment A – Vicinity Map). The County of Placer Department of Public Works (PCDPW) initiated the project.

SR-28 would remain a four-lane cross section roadway with two 3.3 m (11 ft) traffic lanes for the eastbound and westbound directions until just east of the Fox Street intersection. Between the Fox Street and Chipmunk Street intersections, SR-28 would become a three-lane roadway, with one traffic lane for each direction and a two-way-left-turn lane. Traffic signals would be installed/modified at SR-267, Bear Street and Coon Street. Left turn lanes would be provided at SR-267, Bear Street, Fox Street, Coon Street and Chipmunk Street. A 1.5 m (5 ft) bike lane and 2.4 m (8 ft) parking lane would be created in each direction. Along the roadway, a 1.7 m (5.6 ft) sidewalk would be installed on both sides of SR-28. Enhanced and clearly marked pedestrian crossings at each intersection (SR-267, Bear Street, Coon Street, Fox Street, and Chipmunk Street) would also be included as part of this alternative.

B. Existing Highway:

State Route 28

The existing mainline of SR-28 within the project limits is a four-lane facility. Signalized intersections exist at SR-267 and Coon Street. The project is confined to a 24.4 m (80-ft) right of way with existing buildings lining each side of the street. Improvements such as curb and gutter, sidewalks, and lighting are non-existent. Private driveways are not well defined, with asphalt parking areas blending into the roadway. Pedestrian and bicycle pathways are non-existent except for adjacent to the State Park parking lot. The lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities along with the traffic congestion, leads to a situation of difficult pedestrian and bicycle movement through the commercial core.

There is a long history of large peak time traffic flows and local street delays in and around Kings Beach. Non standard roadway geometrics, closely spaced intersections, numerous driveways, unrestricted and undefined on-street parking, undefined pedestrian and bicycle paths, and high traffic volumes all contribute to the existing conditions and create difficulty in making roadway improvements

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C. Safety Improvements:

This project will construct the following safety improvements:

- Bicycle lanes on both sides of SR-28
- Installation of a signal at the Bear Street/SR-28 intersection
- Construction of sidewalks on both sides of SR-28 for pedestrian safety
- Turn pockets at intersection based upon traffic volumes
- Clearly marked parallel parking along SR-28 where there is sufficient width
- Clearly marked cross walk locations for pedestrian and bicycle mobility

D. Total Project Cost:

Roadway \$ 30.3 million
Right of Way \$ 0.7 million
Signalization \$ 0.3 million

Total \$ 31.3 million

2. FEATURES REQUIRING AN EXCEPTION

Design Exception Feature #1:

Nonstandard Feature:

The proposed 2 lanes in each direction are 3.3 m (11 ft) in width for the entire project length, 1560 m (5118 ft).

Standard for Which Exception is Requested:

Highway Design Manual Topic 301.1 states that "... The basic lane width for new construction on ... multilane highways ... shall be 3.6 m (12 feet).

Reason for Requesting Exception:

The nonstandard feature being requested is to avoid the acquisition of historical properties along SR-28 in Kings Beach. Land within the Tahoe Basin is held at a premium, and the purchase and acquisition of buildings is not feasible for this project. The need and purpose statement of this project is to improve the pedestrian and bicycle mobility, and improve the aesthetic character of the Kings Beach Commercial Core area. Building demolition for traffic capacity improvements is outside of the need and purpose of the stated project.

In support of this exception are the following points:

• Current posted speed limits are 30 mph, and the project location is in the commercial core of the Kings Beach community, creating an urban like setting for the motorist.

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- The addition of turn pockets at key intersections and signalization of the Bear Street intersection will improve the traffic flow through the project area intersections.
- The right of way required to have 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes would require the acquisition of numerous building, some of which have historical significance.
- The project will construct marked bike lanes along SR-28 and improve the pedestrian crossings across SR-28.

Added Cost to Make Standard:

The added cost to bring the lane widths up to standard would include design, right of way acquisition and additional roadwork. The cost for this additional work is estimated as follows:

Additional right of way acquisition: \$ 2.0 million Additional road construction including design \$ 0.5 million

Design Exception Feature #2:

Nonstandard Feature:

The proposed right shoulder width in each direction is 1.5 m (5 ft) in width in the following locations:

- SR-267 to Secline Street.
- Eastbound direction near Deer Street.
- Bear Street intersection.
- Coon Street intersection.
- Eastbound direction near Fox Street.
- Chipmunk Street intersection.

Approximate total length of 1.5 m (5 ft) shoulder width -720 m (2362 ft)

Standard for Which Exception is Requested:

Highway Design Manual Topic 302.1, Index 302.1, Shoulder Widths, Conventional Highways, Multilane undivided, lists the right shoulder shall be 2.4 m (8 ft).

Reason for Requesting Exception:

The nonstandard feature being requested is to avoid the acquisition of historical properties along SR-28 in Kings Beach. Land within the Tahoe Basin is held at a premium, and the purchase and acquisition of buildings is not feasible for this project. The need and purpose statement of this project is to improve the pedestrian and bicycle mobility, and improve the aesthetic character of the Kings Beach Commercial Core area. Building demolition is outside of the need and purpose of the stated project.

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- Current posted speed limits are 30 mph, and the project location is in the commercial core of the Kings Beach community leading to an urban like feeling to the motorist.
- The areas through the project corridor that have on-street parking are designed to be 3.9 m (13 ft) is shoulder width.
- The right of way required to have 2.4 m (8 ft) right shoulders would require the acquisition of numerous building, some of which have historical significance.

Added Cost to Make Standard:

The added cost to bring the shoulder widths up to standard would include design, right of way acquisition and additional roadwork. The cost for this additional work is estimated as follows:

Additional right of way acquisition: \$ 2.0 million Additional road construction including design \$ 0.5 million

3. TRAFFIC DATA

Existing (2002) and Projected (2028) Average Daily Traffic volumes are shown below:

Average Daily Traffic, State Route 28

Location / Description	2002	2028	
SR-28 between SR-267 and Coon Street	19,100	24,000	

4. ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

Fatal, Fatal plus Injuries and Total accident rates within the project area are higher than average rates for similar facilities for this stretch of SR 28

Summary of Accident Rate Data

Location	Total	Actual Rates		Average Rates			
	Accidents	F	F+I	Total	F	F+I	Total
SR 28	103	0.0	1.61	5.03	0.036	0.68	1.65

⁺ Rates are # of accidents/million vehicle miles

Accident data was obtained from Caltrans Traffic Accident Surveillance and Analysis System (TASAS) Table B for the thirty-six (36) month time period from 2002-04-01 to 2005-03-31.

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The proposed improvements in this area will likely reduce the frequency of rear end accidents by providing storage space for turning vehicles allowing them to be out of the through traffic lanes.

The non-standard feature 3.3 m (11 ft) lanes should not contribute to the major cause or type of accidents occurring.

The non-standard feature 1.5 m (5 ft) right shoulders do not contribute to the major cause or type of accidents occurring.

5. INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

There are no practical, incremental improvements that are intermediate in scope and cost, between the proposed project and the implementation of the full standard alternative.

6. FUTURE CONSTRUCTION

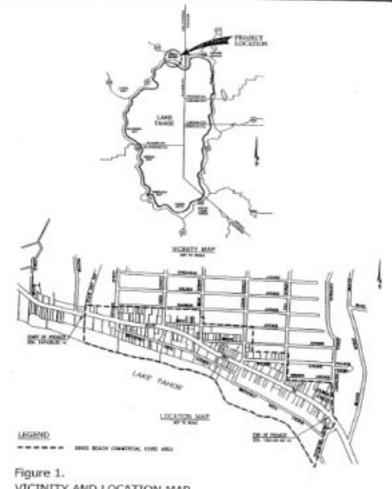
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Currently there are no planned or programmed projects that would correct the proposed non-standard right shoulder widths in the vicinity of this project.

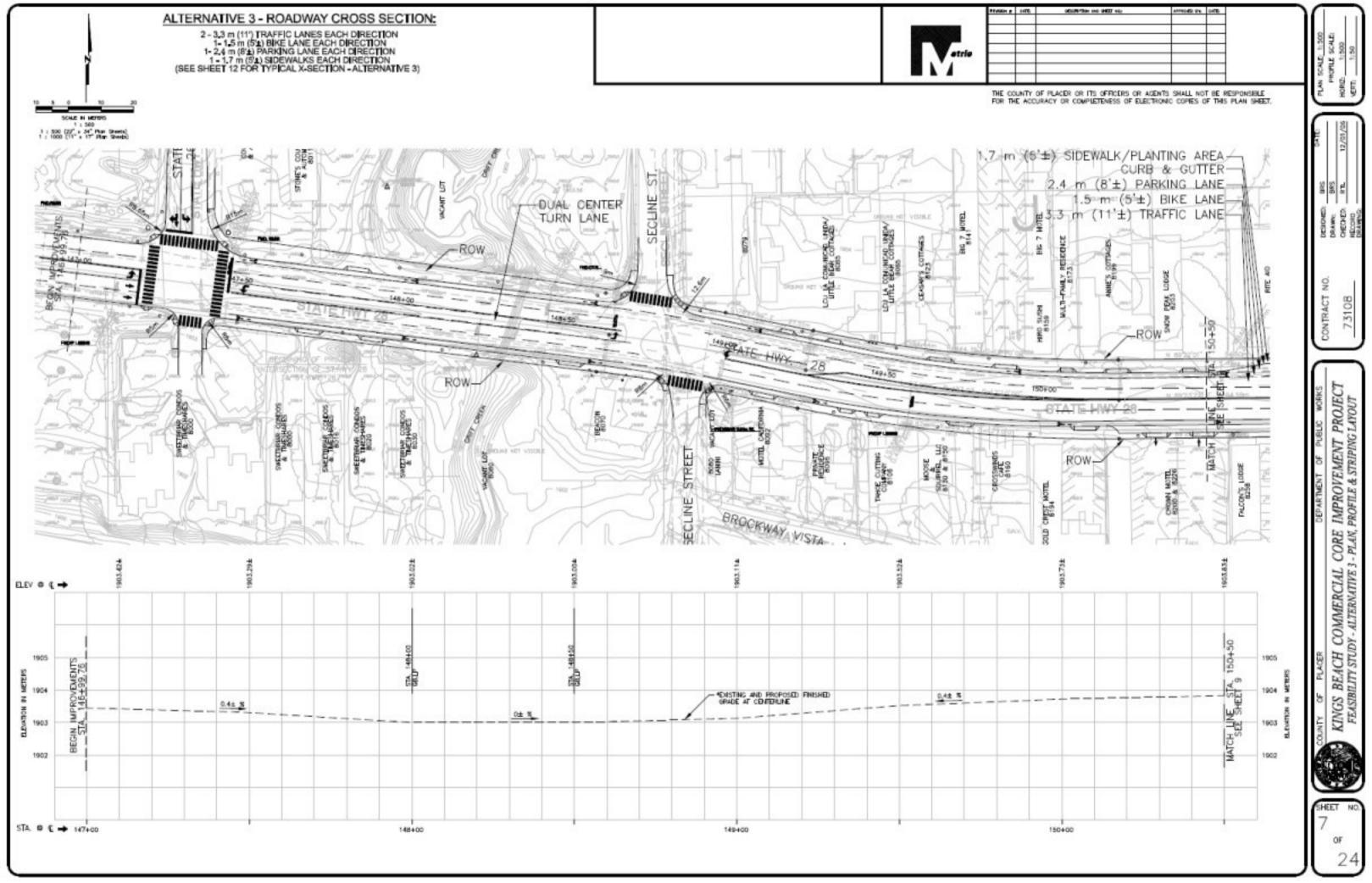
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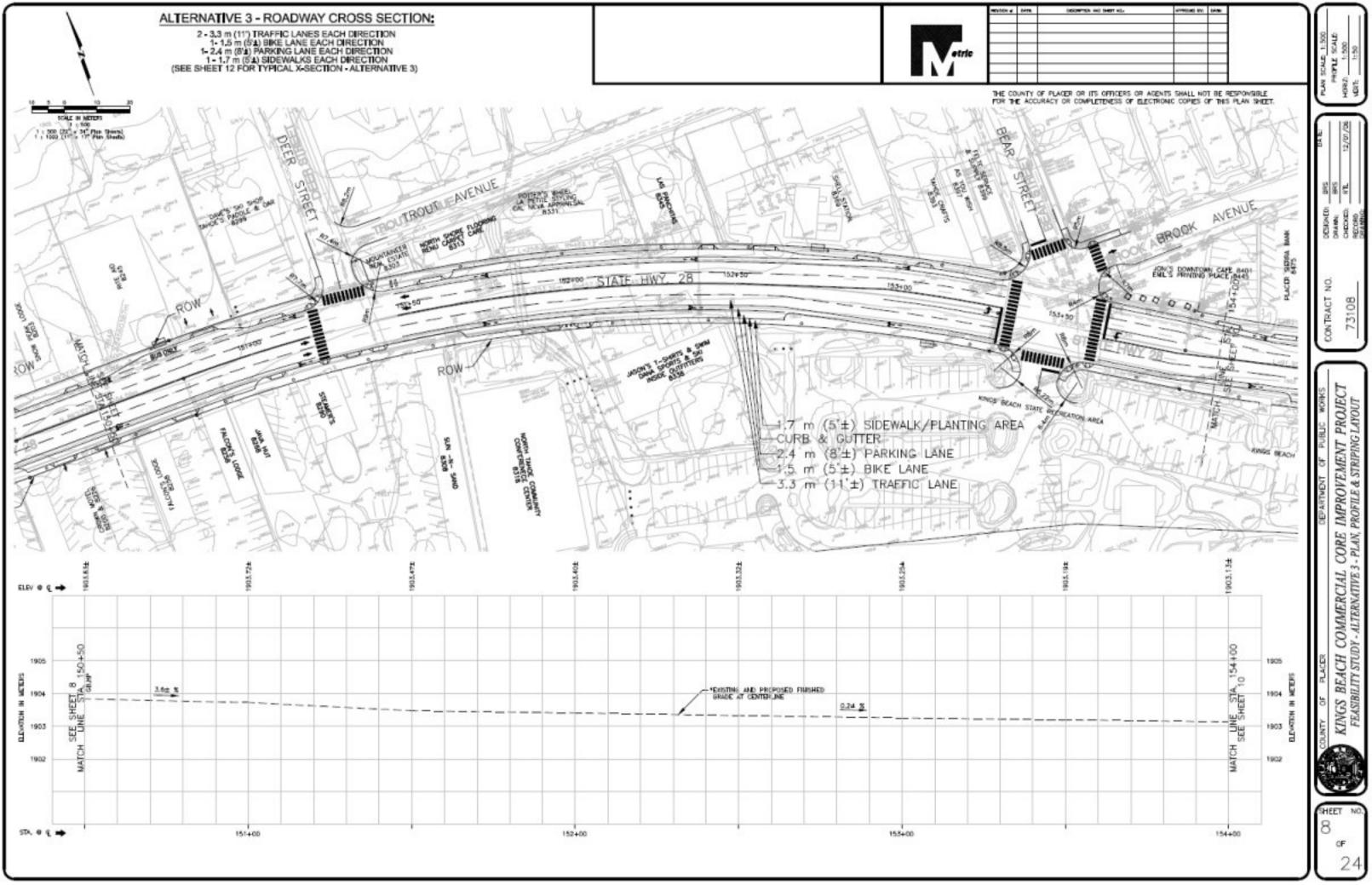
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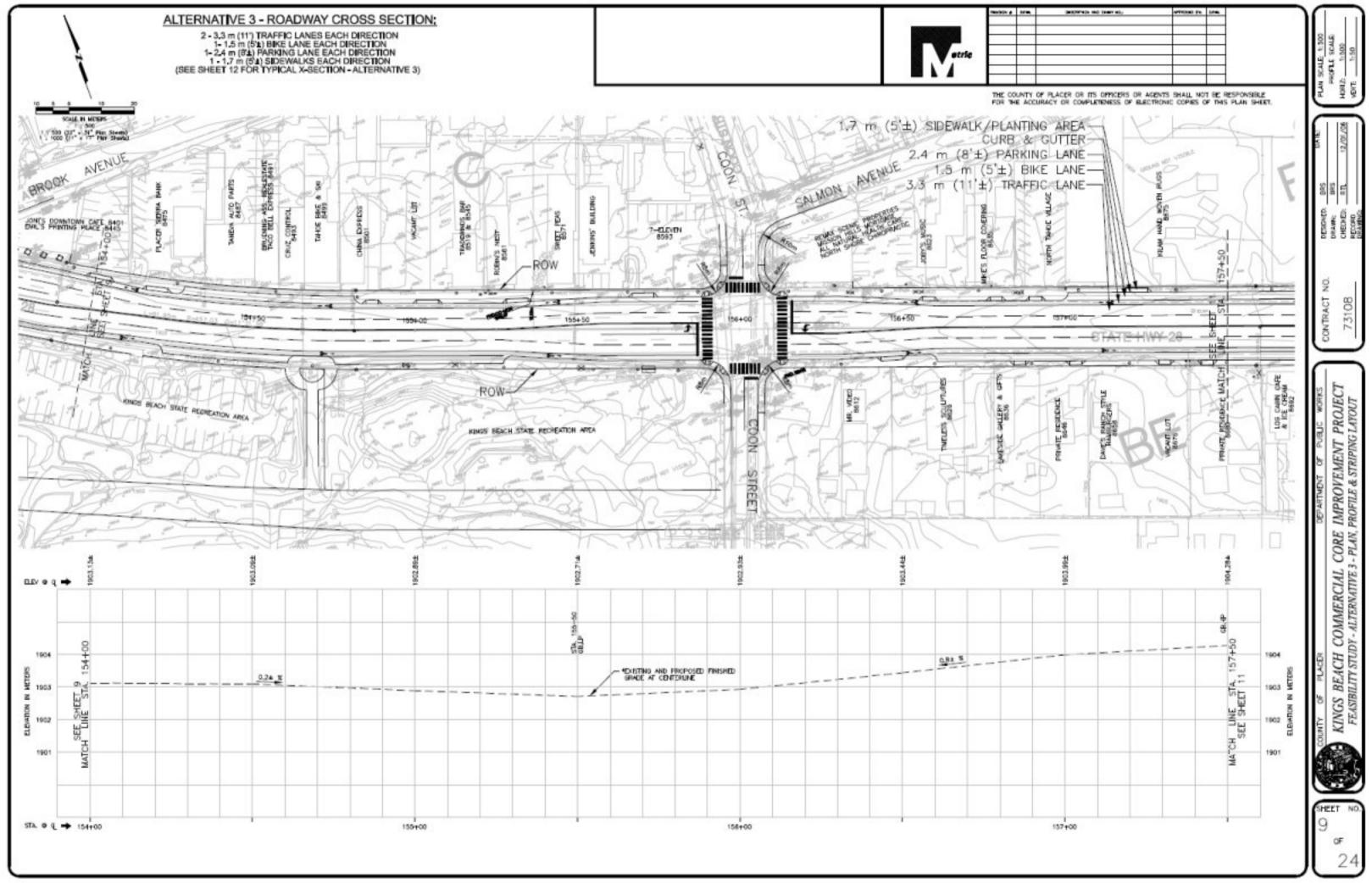
- **A.** Vicinity Map
- **B.** Project Layout Sheets
- C. Project Cross Section
- **D.** Project Area Photos

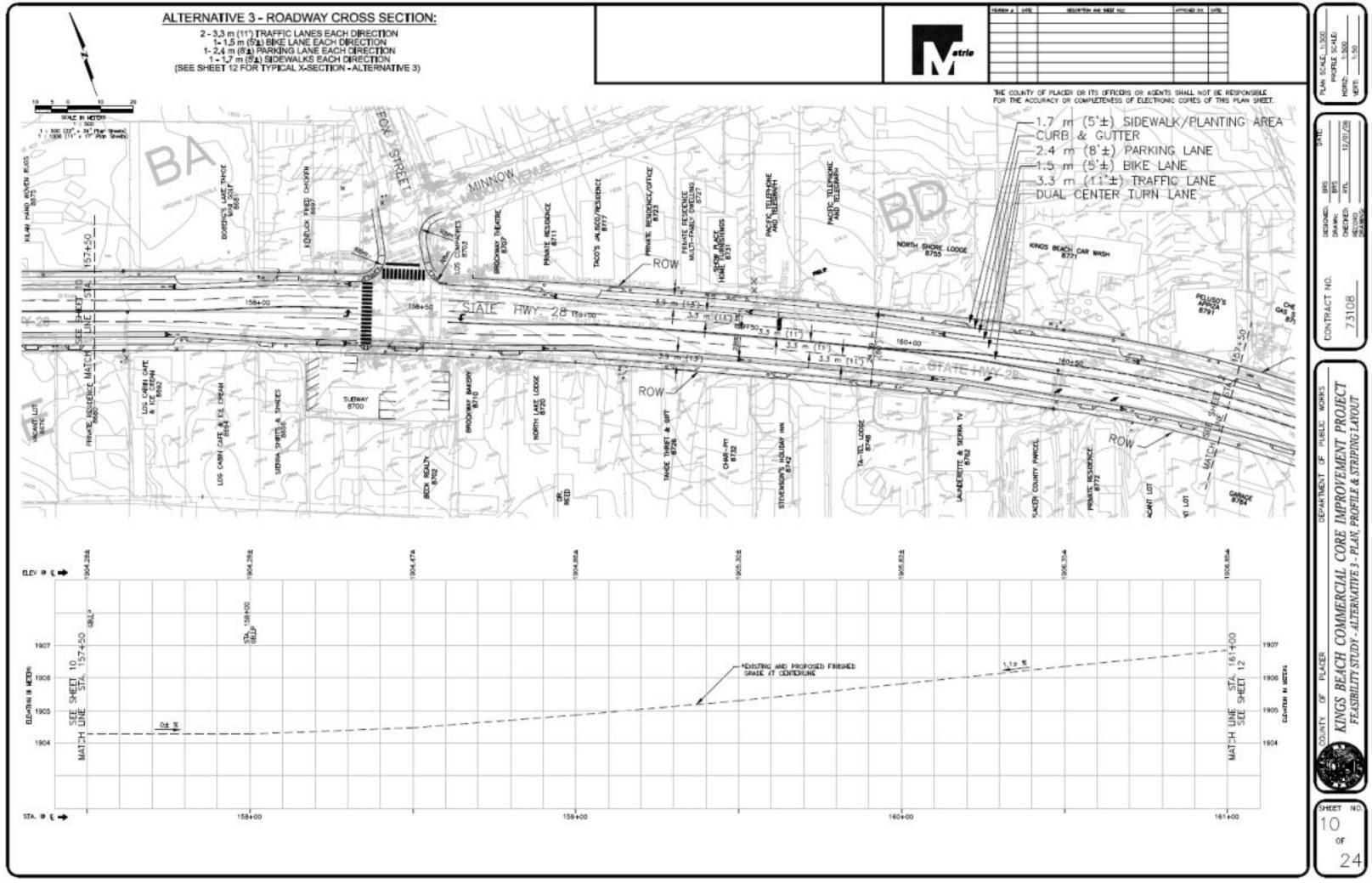


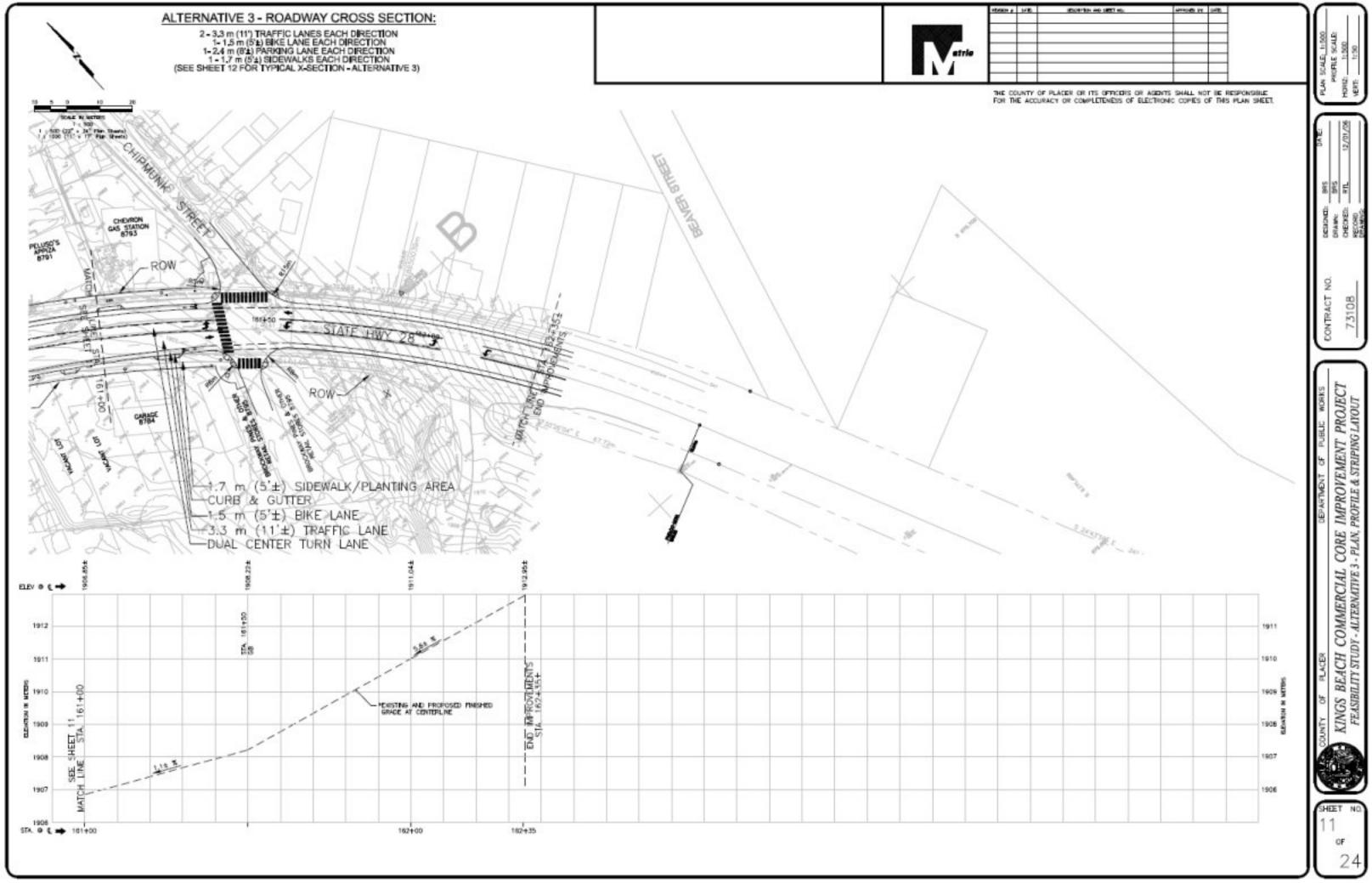
VICINITY AND LOCATION MAP



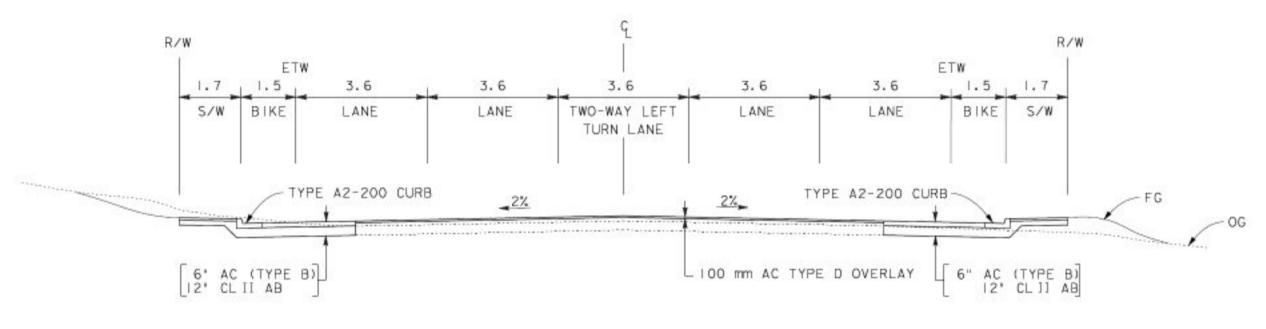






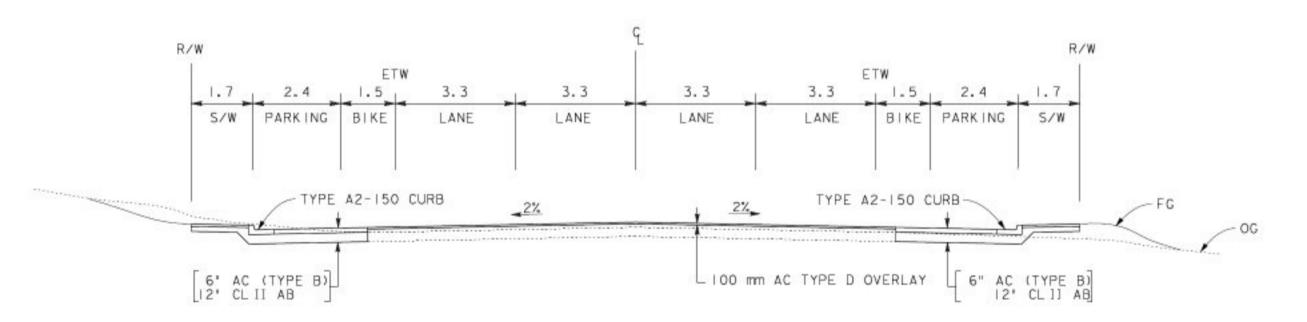


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ALT 3 - SR 28 TURN LANE AREAS AND NO PARKING

STA 146+87 TO 148+75



ALT 3 - SR 28 SR 267 TO CHIPMUNK

STA 146+87 TO 162+45

